

**Budget Workshop**  
**VILLAGE COUNCIL OF SUGAR MOUNTAIN**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 7, 2017**  
**303 Sugar Top Drive**  
**Presidents Room**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order of Budget Workshop** – Mayor, Dennis Lacey reconvened the May 30, 2017 Budget Workshop of Council at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present as follows:

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor Dennis Lacey, Mayor Pro Tem Gunther Jochl, Council Member Norris Clifton, Council Member David Ammann, and Council Member Scott Brown.

**Council Members Absent:**

**Village Hall Staff Present:**

Police Chief David Henson, Public Works Director Bill Daniels, Village Manager Susan Phillips, and Municipal Clerk Tammy Floyd, who recorded official meeting.

Approximately 4 members of the public were in attendance.

Appropriate notice was give for the date, time and location change of the recessed meeting.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Village Manager, Susan Phillips provided council a 2017-2018 budget packet with changes requested at the May 30, 2017 budget workshop. Changes reflect a 0.45 cent millage rate and utilizing the fund balance to purchase capital equipment.

The capital expenditure requests total \$222,000, with an approximate \$12,000 offset (surplus sales) for a total of \$210,000. This will require an appropriation of \$169,654 from the fund balance. The estimated, June 30, 2017 unreserved fund balance is \$1,064,446. The estimated June 30, 2018 fund balance is to be \$900,410 or 51% of the 2017-18 expenditures. The Village Fund Balance policy states unreserved fund balance as a percentage of expenditures should not fall below 50%. Mayor Pro Tem, Gunther Jochl requested explanation of the decrease to 51% percent. Village Manger, Susan Phillips explained that the \$900,410 does not include funds we are required to reserve. Currently \$150,000 is reserved for another two years as required as part of the Sugar Mountain Drive paving project. The \$150,000 is currently sitting in a Certificate of Deposit. Also, the state requires a reserve of eight percent.

Mayor, Dennis Lacey requested an explanation on reduction of taxes to .45 cents. Village manager, Susan Phillips advised the .45 cents was requested from the May 30<sup>th</sup> budget workshop. The reduction was a result of the revenue neutral calculations.

Council requested detail information on the request for Public Works to take of residential trash pick-up. This service provided by the Public Works Department will require the purchase of a truck and an additional full time employee. Public Works Director, Bill Daniels reported to council that the current residential contract is based on the number of homes within the Village of Sugar Mountain and not all home participate. Most homeowners bring their trash down to the convenience center due to bears and other animals. The Public Works Department is out and about on trash days cleaning up after the current contractor and notice that they really only pick up at approximately twenty homes. Also, the department has been a man short for a couple of years due to the passing of Mr. Poteet. After discussion, all council members agreed to go with the request for residential trash provided by the Public Works Department. Village Manager, Susan Phillips advised this will not affect the dumpster or recycle contracts.

Council discussed the new 401K matching benefits request. After discussion, Council requested the Village Manager to put together a total compensations package. All Council Members agreed to the merit increase and up to a five percent match for full time employees participating in a 401K.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion, Council Member, Scott Brown motioned to adjourn the workshop. Council Member, Norris Clifton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the **motion carried** four (4) votes to zero (0).

**Meeting adjourned 4:31 p.m.**

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Dennis M. Lacey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy W. Floyd, Clerk

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